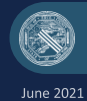


# COVID-19 Update for Summer Camp Operators & Directors

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## Agenda

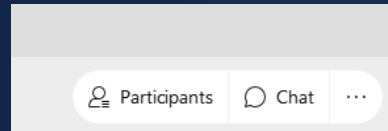
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  - ▶ Testing (Public Health Lab)
  - ▶ Epidemiology
  - ▶ Environmental Health
  - ▶ Vaccination
- ▶ Reducing Risk
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# Introduction & Housekeeping

- ▶ Welcome to WebEx!
- ▶ During Q&A period, please use the chat feature – on computer screens, bottom right of screen

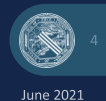


- ▶ Questions after the event? Send to [kara.kane@erie.gov](mailto:kara.kane@erie.gov) or call (716) 858-4941



## ECDOH Roles

- ▶ NYS is the main authority for summer camp facility guidance
- ▶ ECDOH:
  - ▶ Conducts case investigations and contact tracing
  - ▶ Enforces state and local regulations for permitted facilities & provides education/outreach



# COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

- ▶ Sites at [www.erie.gov/covidtestsites](http://www.erie.gov/covidtestsites)
- ▶ Free testing through ECDOH
  - ▶ Call (716) 858-2929
- ▶ When to test
  - ▶ If you have COVID-19 symptoms
  - ▶ 5-7 days after an exposure to a confirmed COVID case
  - ▶ If your doctor recommends it
  - ▶ To know your status



## Epidemiology School Team

*Will manage summer camp cases  
(campers & staff)*

- ▶ Case Investigation & Contact Tracing
  - ▶ (716) 858-6525 – for school administrators and summer camp staff
    - ▶ Dr. Lauren Nicholas
    - ▶ Amber Palmer MPH
    - ▶ Vy Nguyen
- ▶ Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



## Isolation & Quarantine

### Break chain of disease transmission

- ▶ Isolation: separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick (10 days)
- ▶ Quarantine: separates and restricts movement of close contacts to see if they become sick (10 days)
- ▶ Close contact: within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 10 minutes or more while they were infectious
  - ▶ May also use duration of exposure, proximity of contacts and presence of symptoms when placing people in quarantine



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## Case Investigation & Contact Tracing

- ▶ May not identify source of infection – in most cases, source may be suspected (e.g., from a household, workplace or social gathering) but cannot be confirmed
- ▶ Camp staff assist with contact tracing by providing names of contacts; ECDOH places people in isolation or quarantine



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## When you learn of a positive COVID-19 case (camper or staff)

- ▶ If on-site, isolate the individual
- ▶ Contact ECDOH
  - ▶ Depending on the test date and infectious period, we may ask for:
    - ▶ Names of campers from cabin and shared activities (and how to contact their parents)
    - ▶ Names and contact info for employees



## Environmental Health

- ▶ Issues facility permits
- ▶ Provides education & outreach
- ▶ Investigates complaints
- ▶ Conducts inspections
- ▶ Enforces state and local regulations
- ▶ Contact: (716) 961-6800



## NY Forward – Child Care, Day Camp & Overnight Camp Programs

- ▶ Guidance for
  - ▶ Physical distancing
  - ▶ Gatherings and stable groups
  - ▶ Protective equipment/masks
  - ▶ Cleaning & disinfection
  - ▶ Screening



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## NY Forward – Masks Required

- ▶ For unvaccinated staff at all times
- ▶ For unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals during transportation
- ▶ Review [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov) for complete guidance



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## NY Forward – Masks Recommended & Encouraged

- ▶ For children/campers age 2 and older who are not fully vaccinated - except when eating, drinking, showering, swimming, or sleeping/resting.
- ▶ In indoor settings where vaccination status is unknown
- ▶ For fully vaccinated staff to model when with children who must wear masks



## NY Forward – Masks Not Required

- ▶ Campers who are not yet in kindergarten
- ▶ Masks may be removed by campers when outdoors when they are unable to tolerate a mask for a physical activity
- ▶ For children unable to medically tolerate a mask; staff within six feet must wear a mask to provide services
- ▶ Children while swimming (never)



# Reducing Risk & Keeping Kids Healthy

- ▶ Screening
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Maintaining public health measures
  - ▶ Wearing masks
  - ▶ Staying home when ill
  - ▶ Keeping distance when you can
- ▶ Get vaccinated; encourage employees to get vaccinated



# Physical Distancing, Gatherings and Stable Groups

- ▶ Physical distancing
  - ▶ 6 feet separation between stable groups/cohorts
  - ▶ 6 feet separation between mats/cots and/or “Head to toe” arrangement during rest and sleeping periods
- ▶ Gatherings and stable groups
  - ▶ Stable Groups/Cohorts of no more than 36, not including counselors
  - ▶ Maintain social distance from other stable groups
  - ▶ Avoid activities that would cause groups to share same common spaces whenever possible
  - ▶ Avoid “floating” staff working with multiple groups whenever possible
  - ▶ Limit non-essential visitors in camp





## Protective equipment/face coverings

- ▶ Double layer cloth, disposable procedure masks
  - ▶ Consider clear masks, esp when working with very young or campers w disabilities
- ▶ Face shields, bandanas, one-ply “gaiters” not approved
- ▶ Special rules for overnight camps that establish “Camp Households”



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## Screening

- ▶ Collect vaccination status for all staff, campers and essential visitors
- ▶ Maintain logs of anyone who comes into the camp
- ▶ Daily screen before camp arrival, or before arrival via electronic means if possible
  - ▶ Screening must include a temperature check
  - ▶ Overnight camps must also perform an evening screening
- ▶ When using a bus to transport campers to camp, screening must be done before boarding
- ▶ Counselors and staff should watch for symptoms in campers during the camp day



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# Cleaning & disinfection

- ▶ Disinfectants must be listed on EPA List N Tool
- ▶ Must use by label directions, follow contact time
- ▶ Many products available
- ▶ When in doubt: 1/3 cup standard bleach/gallon, 1 minute contact time



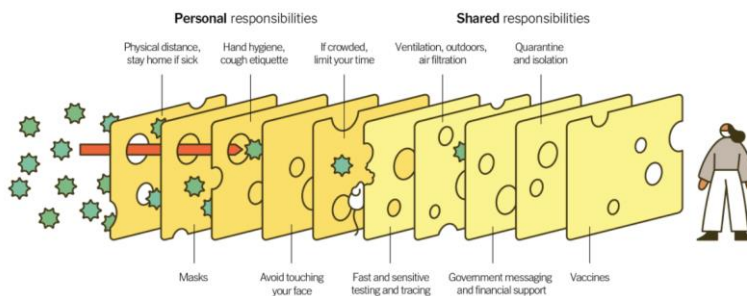
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# The Swiss Cheese Approach to Risk Reduction

## Multiple Layers Improve Success

The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.



Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay (virologydownunder.com) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

Source: NY Times, December 5, 2020



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## Our Goals

- ▶ Reduce community transmission of COVID-19
- ▶ Keep students, school staff and their families healthy
- ▶ Help summer camps follow NY Forward guidance
- ▶ Encourage COVID-19 vaccine as a preventive measure



## Vax Visits

*Available to all eligible Erie County residents*

- ▶ A “Vax Visit” team will come to your home to vaccinate you or your household.
- ▶ Call (716) 858-2929 to schedule.
- ▶ Vaccinations provided by home nursing agencies or ECDOH staff.
- ▶ No cost.



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## Erie County Resources

- ▶ [www.erie.gov/covid19](http://www.erie.gov/covid19)
  - ▶ COVID-19 Info Line: (716) 858-2929
- ▶ [www.erie.gov/vax](http://www.erie.gov/vax)
  - ▶ Full schedule of ECDOH clinics
- ▶ [www.erie.gov/covidmap](http://www.erie.gov/covidmap)
  - ▶ Data visualization: case counts, ZIP code and municipality maps
- ▶ [www.erie.gov/covidtestsites](http://www.erie.gov/covidtestsites)
  - ▶ Searchable map of diagnostic test locations



## How to Stay Updated

- ▶ Social media
  - ▶ Twitter (@ECDOH)
  - ▶ Facebook (Erie County Department of Health)
  - ▶ Instagram (@eriecohealth)
  - ▶ Erie County, NY Youtube Channel  
[www.youtube.com/eriecountyny](http://www.youtube.com/eriecountyny)
- ▶ Web site: [www.erie.gov/covid19](http://www.erie.gov/covid19)



# Questions and Answers



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